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ALASKA CONSOLIDATED FISHERIES PORTLOCK CITY

Portlock City was located on the end of the Kenai Peninsula. Alaska Consolidated Fisheries had big plans for Portlock. Sadly, they did not work out, and the village was abandoned under (according to the articles on the web) suspicious circumstances.

Seward Daily Gateway, May 17, 1924.
COLD STORAGE PLANT BOUGHT
The Alaska Consolidated Fisheries recently purchased the Cold Storage plant at Port Chatham, and will operated the same. The company is well financed having plants at Portlock and among the Aleutians, and also have large codfish stations to the westward.

So it seems that Alaska Consolidated Fisheries already has a "plant" at Portlock, but a year later, are buying it.

Mint Sport, 19mm 10¢ die

Seward Daily Gateway, June 27, 1925.
A.C.F. COMPANY TAKES OVER DEFUNCT PLANT; TO REMODEL AT ONCE
The Alaska Consolidated Fisheries, Inc. which purchased all the assets of the defunct Bering Sea Fisheries Company, valued at approximately $200,000, has a large crew of skilled men at the Portlock plant remodeling the huge cold storage plant and saltery plant, with expectations of completing the work this summer. Among the improvements will be...cottages for the numerous employees...

Big General Store.
The company's main office is in Seattle but a Chicago office is also maintained. In the large general store, now open at Portlock, a $40,000 stock of merchandise is carried. A hardware store in Seattle was purchased bodily, packed up and shipped to the plant site.

New Town Born.
Portlock City now boasts a population of approximately one hundred residents of whom fifty Indians were recently moved over from English Bay and Port Graham, bag and baggage. The company is furnishing lumber, free of charge, to the Indians who are busily occupied at present building their homes. Mr. Kildall states he has applied to the Bureau of Education for a school at Portlock and to this end has already procured from 70 to 80 signatures to a petition.

A Fine Power Site.
Never has he seen such a splendid site for a power site as that close into the townsite. The water works on which the former company started construction

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OGDEN SALT WORKS
SAN FRANCISCO

We wholesale to merchants and fishpackers. Rewashed Salt in half ground, Special Herring rousing and granulated for mild-curing salmon, in any quantity, delivered ship's tackle motorship "La Merced" at Portlock, Alaska. Price based on factory cost plus freight direct shipment to Portlock. No rehandling or loss in transit. Quotations upon request.

ALASKA CONSOLIDATED FISHERIES, Inc.,
Portlock, Alaska

Seward Daily Gateway, July 1, 1925.

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

This is a very diverse issue, with every thing from canneries to fur traders to fast food.

Portlock makes an interesting story. Many cannery companies had more than one location. It seems that Alaska Consolidated Fisheries only had the one in Portlock.

J.D. Williams fills us in on the short-lived Jack in the Box in Anchorage. What some people will do for love.

John Metzger in Fox gets a medal made from German cannon. We have a little bit about Teller and Harry Wheeler. Fire Island, Nutchuk and Hawk Inlet get brief mentions. A coin collector in Tanana in 1910 gives us a diversion. Ole Lien, Anita Garnick and Harry Healy round out the short pieces. And why would one place a sticker on a Fairbanks 1959 Trade Dollar for a Mercury Comet Endurance Run?

eBay offered a few better pieces this month. Nenana Trading Post was the star. A J.W. Little from Cordova brought a respectable amount. A.H. Baker's Cigar Store of slot machine fame (see May 2024, page 53) brought $501.11. Rare Food Stamp Tokens continue to bring record prices for modern tokens.

A few items are offered for sale on page 25, including some previously unseen (by us) Sarah Palin medals.

Elizabeth Peratrovich dollars with a pedigree as part of the Mt. McKinley Bank Alaska Release are offered on page 26

Two rare Iditarod card tokens are shown on page 23. These are part of our first "mini-mailbid" sale. If there is sufficient interest, we will run some better tokens in the future, and cheat eBay out of their 15%. The mail bid is on page 27.

It was busy at my Minœr Mint this month. My minion, Liza Claar was busy working on the Serum Run token. And I made a bunch of gold and silver for Judy Judy Gold. See page 28.

Christy's is selling the Gold Spike from the Alaska Railroad at auction on January 24. A short history can be found on page 28. Be sure to get your bids in on this one!

PRICES REALIZED

Selected prices realized from eBay:

Anchorage, Anchorage Dairy, 1 Qt, B-7b	8.09
Chitina, Navada Bar, 12½¢, B-4a	86.00
Cleary, Willis & Welch, 25¢, B-5a	34.55
Cordova, J.W. Little, 1 Drink, B-22b	354.00
Ketchikan, The Mint, 12½¢, B-33a	21.50
Nenana, Nenana Trading Post, $1, B-5a	805.00
Palmer, ARRC, 5¢, B-1b	130.05
Selavik, Louis Rotman, 25¢, B-2b	17.50
Sitka, Baranof Bus, one fare, B-T2a	6.49
(Skagway), A.H. Baker's Cigar Store, 6¼¢, B-3a	501.11
Skagway, Board of Trade, 12½¢, B-4d	120.99OB
Talkeetna, H.W.N., 50¢, B-3b	59.00
Tatalina, NCO Club, support your club, B-1a	5.00
Thane, A.G.M. Club Room, 12½¢, B-1a	66.00
Thane, A.G.M. took check, B-C3a	26.00
Tunanak, Agimuk's Store, FST set	293.00
Valdez, Copper Block Buffet, 12½¢ TC, B-4a	42.88
Valdez, Copper Block Buffet, 12½¢, B-4b	44.00
Valdez, Copper Block Buffet, $1 w/nuggets	1099.00OBO
Valdez, Northern, 6¼¢, B-15a	31.25
Valdez, Pinzon, 15¢, B-16cII	5.00
Wrangell, Benjamin's, FST set	128.00
Whitehorse, TDP & Co., 50¢, holed	40.04
Alaska Home Railway, tool check, B-C4a	103.50

OB =Opening Bid; NB = No Bid; RL = relist; R = Reserve; RNM = Reserve Not Met; W = withdrawn BIN = Buy it now; BOA = Best Offer Accepted; DNS = Did Not Sell; SUP = sold, unknown price. FTR = see For the Record.

WARM SPELL!

Jan and I drove out to North Pole on January 13. The thermometer in the car read 48 degrees. That was 48 degrees above zero. A temperature in North Pole in January that read 48 should have had a "-" (minus) sign in front of it! Check your temperature records. I bet we were warmer than most of you!

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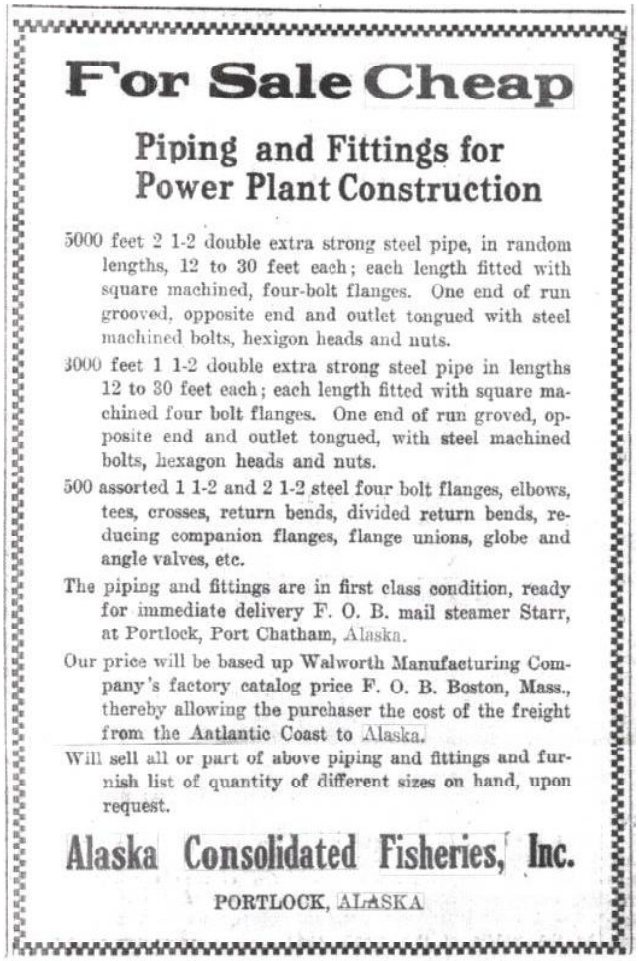
PORTLOCK CITY, CONT.

in 1920, is of steel two-inch pipe running for 1,000 feet and 3,000 feet of four-inch pipe totaling a distance of approximately one and one-half miles. The lake, from which the line runs from, is situated about 800 feet altitude in a natural bowl, with clear, sparkling water.



For Sale Cheap

Piping and Fittings for Power Plant Construction

5000 feet 2 1-2 double extra strong steel pipe, in random lengths, 12 to 30 feet each; each length fitted with square machined, four-bolt flanges. One end of run grooved, opposite end and outlet tongued with steel machined bolts, hexigon heads and nuts.

3000 feet 1 1-2 double extra strong steel pipe in lengths 12 to 30 feet each; each length fitted with square machined four bolt flanges. One end of run groved, opposite end and outlet tongued, with steel machined bolts, hexagon heads and nuts.

500 assorted 1 1-2 and 2 1-2 steel four bolt flanges, elbows, tees, crosses, return bends, divided return bends, reducing companion flanges, flange unions, globe and angle valves, etc.

The piping and fittings are in first class condition, ready for immediate delivery F. O. B. mail steamer Starr, at Portlock, Port Chatham, Alaska.

Our price will be based up Walworth Manufacturing Company's factory catalog price F. O. B. Boston, Mass., thereby allowing the purchaser the cost of the freight from the Aatlantic Coast to Alaska.

Will sell all or part of above piping and fittings and furnish list of quantity of different sizes on hand, upon request.

Alaska Consolidated Fisheries, Inc.

PORTLOCK, ALASKA

Seward Daily Gateway, November 18, 1925.

Did Alaska Consolidated Fisheries decide to not build the power plant, and sell the materiels?

Seward Daily Gateway, November 19, 1925.
THIS REGION IS LOGICAL POINT HALIBUT FLEET
Referring to the discovery of new halibut banks in the Aleutian Island which may again make Seattle a clearing house for the vast amount of halibut caught in the North Pacific, Joseph Kildall, president and general manager of Alaska Consolidated Fisheries, Inc., a business visitor in Seward, states that this plant at Portlock with a storage capacity of one and one-half million pounds, together with the facilities at the local San Jan cold storage plane, the two local concerns should be right in line for handling the catches of this and the Westward districts.

Seward Daily Gateway, December 5, 1925.
The Alaska Consolidated Fisheries, Inc, located at Portlock, about 150 miles to the Westward of Seward, will begin packing operations in the spring. This company purchased, last summer, the holdings of the defunct Bering Sea Fisheries Company.

Seward Daily Gateway, September 28, 1926.
SCHOOL DISTRICT IS ESTABLISHED, PORTLOCK
A school district was established at Portlock this year through the efforts of J. Kildall, President of the Alaska Consolidated Fisheries, Inc., who is a business visitor in Seward.

Mrs. Eva Patterson, the teacher, and the school board expect that the attendance of school children will reach 25 pupils when the fishing season closes at the Port Graham cannery, and when additional families will take advantage of the school facilities at Portlock.

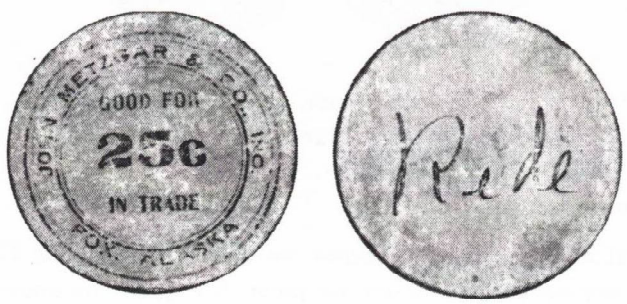
Seward Daily Gateway, July, 22, 1927.
PORTLOCK PLANT IS LEASED TO WAKEFIELD
The Alaska Consolidated Fish Co. at Portlock has taken a new lease on a new lease on life, reports L. Kracke who has just been appointed Alaska receiver. Mr. Kracke is now in Seward enroute to Portlock to look over the plant which this season has been leased to Lee Wakefield of the Franklin Packing Company. Mr. Wakefield is moving his herring plant at Port Ashton to the Portlock plant. Next season, Mr. Kracke announces the Alaska Consolidated, which has been refinanced, will operate a one line cannery in addition to other fishing and packing business. The company will also operate a small saw-mill with a daily capacity of approximately 10,000 board feet and a ***general merchandise store.***

The internet abounds with stories of the "overnight" abandonment of Portlock because of Nantiinaq, a Big Foot-like creature. These stories have been debunked (but they do make interesting reading!). Most left Portlock in the 1940s going to Nanwalen and Port Graham. The Post Office closed in 1950/51.

Portlock first appears in the census in 1940 with 31 residents. It does not appear again until 1980, again with 31 residents. It has not appeared in any later censuses.

JOHN METZGER

FOX B-2



Alaska Citizen, Fairbanks, March 17, 1913.
John Metzger, of Chatanika, arrived in town last Tuesday evening and spent several days in town on business.

Alaska Citizen, Fairbanks, July 21, 1913.
BIG FIRE AT FOX
Shortly after nine o'clock on Monday morning, the warehouse belonging to John Metzger at Fox City was discovered in flames, presumably set by sparks from the morning train which had passed but a short time before.

The warehouse and all of its contents were completely consumed as was also a cabin just across the street owned and occupied by John ?ounter.

Further progress of the flames was checked by dynamiting one end of the depot platform or the whole town might have burned.

No insurance was carried by Metzger at the time of the fire as the policy that he held had expired July 1st, and he had no chance to renew it, and the loss at present he estimates is about $3,500.

Mr. Metzger's establishment was purchased recently from Hanson and Mulalley, and includes another warehouse full of goods besides the store so business will not be seriously effected. The lost stock will immediately be duplicated.

Ketchikan Miner, July 17, 1914.
John Metzger has been named postmaster at Fox.

Weekly Alaska Citizen, April 29, 1918.
LIBERTY BONDS MOVING AT FOX
For the purpose of stimulating the sale of Liberty Bonds at Fox, a novel method was employed by E.B. Collins and John Metzger, who have been appointed by the defense council to take charge of bond matters here.

A bond was put up for raffle yesterday at one dollar a chance, and all tickets were taken without going out of the hall in which the raffle was held. The lucky number, 43, was held by Mrs. E.B. Collins, and she is now the possessor of a Liberty Bond at a nominal cost.

The citizens of Fox are feeling rather proud of the showing made by themselves in the matter of subscribing to the Liberty Loan. Over $4,400 has been subscribed from that place...

Weekly Alaska Citizen, Fairbanks, May 19, 1919.
DRIVE WINNERS ARE ANNOUNCED
By wire yesterday Governor Riggs was advised of the results of the campaign in the Victory loan and the names of the winners of helmets and medals...

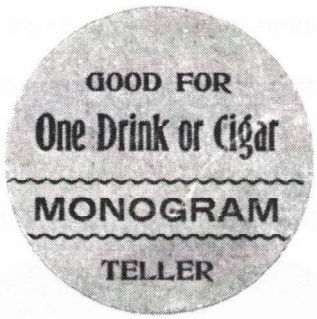
Those who will receive medals made from captured German cannon will be...John Metzger, Fox;... (31mm)

Nenana News, September 15, 1921.
John Metzger, retiring Fox merchant, has left for the States to join his family now residing in California.

Nenana News, April 11, 1922.
John Metzger, former merchant at Fox, has opened a butcher shop near Tia Juana, Mr. Van Orsdel was informed.

Alaska Daily Empire, Juneau, August 11, 1922.
Joe Miller, formerly Chief Deputy Marshal under L.T. Erwin, is living in Chula Vista, California, where he and John Metzger are in business. They have a line of meat markets, one at Chula Vista, one at LaJolla and one at Coronado. Business is flourishing and they are well pleased with this venture - (Fairbanks News Miner.)

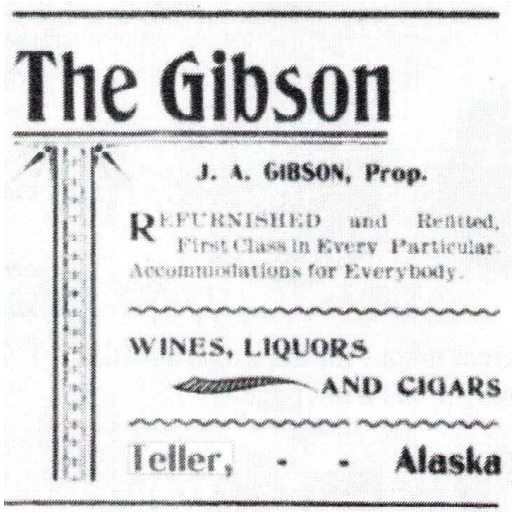
TELLER, ALASKA



We have had a bit about Teller Commercial Co. and North Star Mercantile Co., but never expected to find anything on Harry Wheeler, owner of the Monogram. But we will get to that shortly.

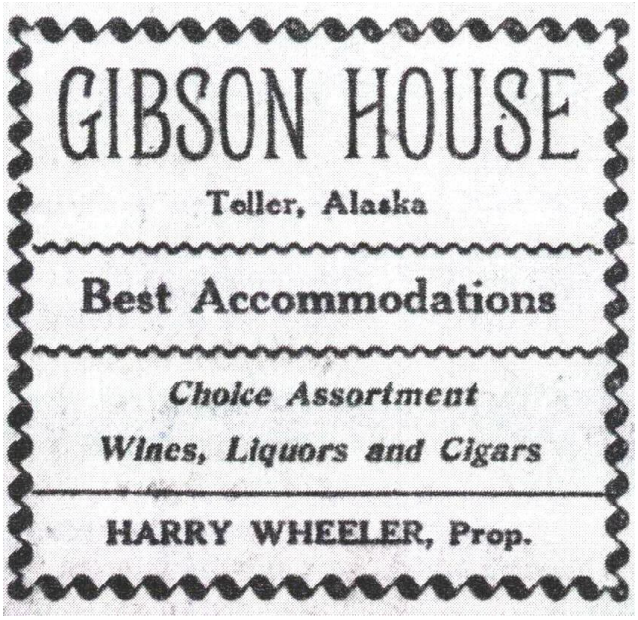
Nome Nugget, November 12, 1902.
AT TELLER

George S. Maynard, last winter editor and manager of the Teller News, is in town from that burg. He says that Teller is quiet, but the people still have abundant faith in Port Clarence district. Considerable winter work is under way on Gold Run, and there is a general belief that there will be quite the clean-up next spring. Teller has about 75 people this winter. There are five stores, owned by Northwestern Commercial Co., Miners' Supply Co., Arctic Mining & Trading Co., Beau Mercantile Co., and J.B. Dyer & Co. The latter does wholesale business. There are two hotels and saloons, owned respectively by T.G Wilson and J. Corbett. There is one lawyer and no doctor; the last medico having made a get-away stake last fall by doing longshoring work.



Nome Semi-Weekly Nugget, December 10, 1904.

Nome Daily Nugget, November 9, 1907.
FILES SUIT
The Pacific Cold Storage company has filed suit against Harry Wheeler and Louis Belter for the recovery of the sum of $191.25 said to be due for merchandise delivered.



Nome Industrial Worker, August 9, 1908.

Nome Daily Nugget, April 7, 1911.
Harry Wheeler with three men are mining over there and are in good pay for they are having coal hauled from Nome at an expense of forty-five dollars a ton to work their claim, so they must have something in sight to warrant such an expense.

Nome Daily Nugget, April 9, 1914.
Harry Wheeler has just moved out an outfit to his claim at the mouth of Blue Stone and Gold Run. He expects to put a crew of men to work soon.

Daily Nome Industrial Worker, May 5, 1917.
Harry Wheeler on the First Rose of Summer claim on the second beach had two loads of supplies hauled out.

Nome Tri-Weekly Nugget, April 11, 1919.
There were many old timers among them. Harry Wheeler, who carried the mail for five years between Teller and Camp Prince of Wales, the furthermost western headland at Bering Straits, which is probably the hardest and most dangerous mail route in the world.

THE SHORT LIVED ALASKA "JACK IN THE BOX" TOKENS

by J.D. Williams

In 1984 the parent company of Jack in the Box fast food restaurants announced the availability of a franchise for six restaurants in Alaska. It received 60 application and the lucky (unlucky?) winners were Harry A. "Bing" Prichard and his wife Sherry Dale. In 1985 Prichard, a successful general contractor who has owned H.A.P. Enterprises in Anchorage for more than 50 years, announced his plans to open six restaurants in Alaska over the next five years, with three in Anchorage and one each in Fairbanks, Eagle River and Juneau. His announcement coincided with the ill fated plan of Jack in the Box's parent corporation to upscale the fast food restaurants and rename them Monterey Jack's. A July 13, 1985 Anchorage Daily Times article additionally reports Prichard saying the First Monterey Jacks would be on O'Malley Road in South Anchorage and would be 3,000 square feet with oak and brass accents, thick carpet and seating for 84 diners. Foodmaker, Inc., the franchiser, quickly realized it was a mistake to rename and upscale its well established fast food restaurants and by early 1986 restored the Jack in the Box name.

From newspaper accounts it appears that Prichard and his wife only opened two restaurants, one in Anchorage and one in Fairbanks. The Anchorage newspapers report food inspection results for the Anchorage Jack in the Box for 1986 and 1987 and the earliest biennial report on file with the Alaska Department of Corporations is the 1991 report that states that Jack in the Box is not carrying on any business activities in Alaska. Reports for the period of 1986 through 1990 were filed although they are not viewable on line. A review of Anchorage phone books for 1985 through 1989 shows no listing for Monterey Jack's and only a single listing in 1987 for Jack in the Box Restaurant at 1260 O'Malley Rd. Looking at the Anchorage Polk directories for the same period discloses only an entry for Jack in the Box for 1986 for an apparent office address of Manger

Wee-Be's, 1260 O'Malley Rd.

JACK IN THE BOX
ALASKA
FREE
Regular Soft Drink
With Any Purchase
Valid at Participating Locations, One Coupon Per Customer. One Offer Per Coupon. Not Valid In Conjunction With Any Other Offer Or Discount
Expires 12/31/87

Grover Ramsey. Thus all indications are that the Anchorage restaurant was only in business for two years.

The Jack in the Box building at 1260 O'Malley is now Wee-Be's restaurant.

The short life of the Fairbanks Jack in the Box is easy to document as Bill Tobin in the December 6, 1986 Saturday Sunday column in the Anchorage Daily Times wrote as follows:

"The Jack-in-the-Box restaurant Bing and Sherry Prichard opened last summer in Fairbanks has been closed, victim of an eviction notice. The restaurant was in a building leased from William Sexton, who also leases to Taco Bell, just next door. His agreement with Taco Bell says no other restaurant on the property can sell Mexican food, and that was enough to knock Jack out of the box because its menu includes tacos, nachos and taco salads."

Although Bing Prichard has had a successful career in Alaska erecting commercial buildings, he apparently did not appreciate the need to look into any lease restrictions that might be imposed because of neighboring restaurants. He originally got the franchise because whenever he would take trips to Seattle his wife would ask him to bring back some Jack in the Box hamburgers. The July 13, 1985 Times article quotes Bing Prichard as saying, *"But I got so tired of transporting the hamburgers and decided to buy her a franchise."* However the headaches of running a franchise apparently eventually outweighed the inconvenience of bringing home a few hamburgers.

Although some internet searches produce artificial intelligence reports saying that Jack in the Box purchased the town of Chicken, Alaska in exchange for some of its chicken sandwiches, QSRweb.com states that *"The brand didn't actually buy Chicken, Alaska, but did donate $10,000 to help the town amid the pandemic."*

JACK IN THE BOX, CONT.

QSR notes that the erroneous AI report is the result of a *"tongue in cheek marketing campaign meant to poke fun at the infamous Chicken Wars"* among restaurants when Jack in the Box rolled out it new Cluck chicken sandwiches. It released a humorous video *"announcing Jack in the Box had purchased the town of Chicken, Alaska, effectively 'owning' chicken and winning the Chicken Wars for good."*

Jack in the Box does however have an actual connection to Alaska. Wikipedia and other sources report that George Manos owned the Chatterbox in Anchorage, Alaska, which was the first fast food restaurant known to use intercom food ordering for a drive up restaurant. In 1947 the founder of Jack in the Box acquired the rights to the intercom ordering concept and applied it to the first Jack in the Box that he opened in 1951 by converting an existing California restaurant that he already owned. The intercom system proved very popular as it expedited the filling of orders since an order could be placed while the car ahead was picking up its order.

Although the pictured Alaska Jack in the Box soft drink token had a short life span, Jack in the Box restaurants remain popular in the lower 48 states and Hawaii with more than 2,000 stores in operation

FIRE ISLAND

Daily Alaska Empire, December 15, 1949.
MILITARY TO ERECT BIG PROJECT ON COOK INLET ISLAND
ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Dec. 15 -- A complete new military installation will be constructed on Fire Island, in Cook Inlet, 14 miles from Anchorage, District Army Engineers announced today.

The project, to be known as the Fire Island project, will include outside utilities, roads, bachelor officers' quarters, airmen's barracks, dispensary and other installations. Reference to "airmen's barracks" gave the only hint as to the purpose of the new facility.

"COIN CRANK"

Yukon Valley News, Tanana, November 5, 1910.
J. Dryoff has three rare coins kept since his boyhood back in Germany. One, is a shilling issued by the Hamburg Free state in 1728; the second a Danish shilling dated 1629 when Denmark was still part of Norway. The third is a Prussian "Thaler" of Frederick the Great's time. Coin cranks have offered Mr. Dryoff large sums for the three, but he refuses to part with them.

So what are these "treasures?"

The Hamburg "Schilling" was easy to find in the coin catalogues. A schilling dated 1727 is shown.

The Danish "1 Skilling" was not illustrated, so we are showing a 1629 "2 Skilling."

Frederick the Great issued many "Thalers." We are showing the last issued dated 1786, the year of his death.

The values of the two small coins is not great, so we have to wonder if perhaps they were also larger denominations about the size of a silver dollar.

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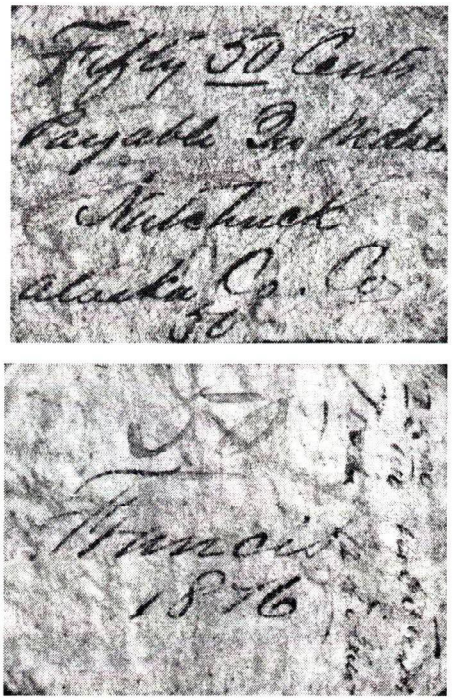
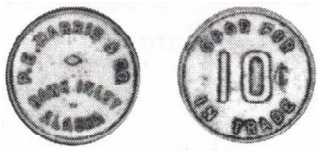
NUTCHUCK



Seward Weekly Gateway, February 23, 1907.
Judge Howlett today filed deeds transferring the trading stations and stocks of the Alaska Commercial Company in Alaska. One deed conveys to Omar J. Humphrey and W.J. Erskine, who in turn convey them to the Alaska Coast Commercial Company. The consideration named is $10 gold coin, and the following trading posts are transferred: Kodiak, Sunrise, Hope, Tyonek, Afognak, Karluk, Ousinkee, ***Nutchuk,*** *Kayak, Douglas, Katmai, Wrangel, Kaguiak, Jactalic, Acheck, Wood Island, Brooklyn. The conveyances does not include furs or cash on hand and excepts the steamer Fearless at Unalaska.*

P.E. HARRIS & CO.

HAWK INLET B-1



Alaska Daily Empire, July 12, 1918.
HAWK INLET SENDS MONEY TO RED CROSS
The local Red Cross is this week in receipt of a P.E. Harris & Co. draft for $73.75, sent by George Franklin to cover donations solicited by Mrs. Hans Floe at Hawk Inlet.

WHY?

Why would the Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce salute the Mercury Comet Durability Run?

Hemmings Motor News describes the event as follows:

1964 Mercury Comets crush or set over 100 national and world speed and distance records at Daytona. It began at the Daytona International Speedway on September 21, 1963, and ended on October 30th. Through 100,000 miles accrued at about 2,500 miles per day, with pit stops every two hours, two tropical storms from two hurricanes and plenty of gas and tires, the Comet Cyclone high performance solid-lifter equipped cars endured.

Four Comets traveled 100,000 miles over 960 hours at an average speed of 105 to 108MPH and three of them broke or established over 100 world speed and distance records. A fifth was there to break a specific record and averaged 124.421 for 10,000 miles.

Impressive and interesting. But why did the Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce feel the need to salute this event? Best guess is that the local Ford-Lincoln-Mercury dealer (Jim Thompson?) was a member of the Chamber. He may have convinced the Chamber to place the sticker on the 1959 trade dollar, or took individual initiative and did it himself to advertise his product.

My uncle owned a 1963 (?) Comet. It was totalled in an accident. My father had the engine from the Comet put in a 1963 Ford Falcon station wagon.

PRISON TOKEN

Hiland Mountain/Meadow Creek C.C.
Brass, 16.6mm (new size) 25mm and 29mm previously reported. (submitted by Don Duncan)

IMPERIAL CIGAR STORE

IDITAROD B-3a

Enhanced image

Cap's Place

Imperial Cigar Store

Just received large stock of Peterson and Calabash Pipes and Confectionery.

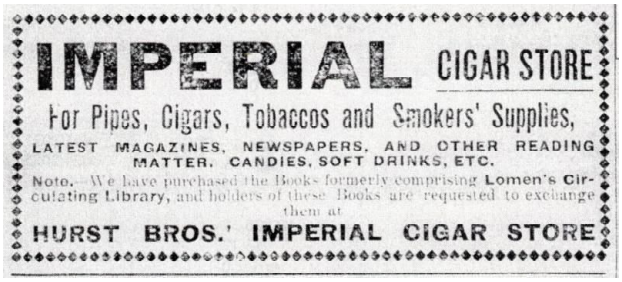
NEWLY BUILT PRIVATE CARD ROOMS

To enjoy an evening call and see us. Willow Street, Iditarod.

Iditarod Pioneer, November 27, 1910.

Iditarod Pioneer, December 30, 1911.
Xmas cigars in small and large boxes and Calabash pipes at Cap's Place.

Some time between December 30, 1911 and June 29, 1912, the Imperial Cigar Store changed hands.



IMPERIAL CIGAR STORE

For Pipes, Cigars, Tobaccos and Smokers' Supplies,

LATEST MAGAZINES, NEWSPAPERS, AND OTHER READING MATTER, CANDIES, SOFT DRINKS, ETC.

Note.—We have purchased the Books formerly comprising Lomen's Circulating Library, and holders of these Books are requested to exchange them at

HURST BROS.' IMPERIAL CIGAR STORE

Iditarod Pioneer, June 29, 1912.

Iditarod Pioneer, October 5, 1912
HURST CIGAR STORE CHANGES LOCATION
Early this week the Hurst Bros. moved their Imperial cigar store from Willow street to First avenue, and they are now comfortably established in the J.I. Johnstone pool hall.

Frank Allison, Charles Hurst and Theodore Hurst are shown in the 1911-12 directory. The business Allison & Hurst is also shown.

Since the token carries the Willow Street address, it was likely issued before October 1912. It could have been used by Cap's Place, and then validated by the initials "AH" on the back for Allison & Hurst.

AUTOMATIC POOL ROOM

IDITAROD B-1.1a

The only mention of Mullen in connection with a pool room is this ad from the September 6, 1919 issue of the Iditarod Pioneer. Other mentions of John or Jack Mullen are the typical "visiting" town mentions.

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The Branch is also noted. (Iditarod and Flat, B-1a)

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O.K.'S PLACE
Petersburg B-7

Ole K. Lien does not show up in the LoC very often, but when he does it is mostly for hunting and fishing.

Wrangell Sentinel, June 21, 1928.
Paul Lund, Ole Lien, Sam Gauffin, Wayne Walther and Charles Greenaa returned last Sunday from Colp's Lake with over 500 trout as the result of a few hours' fishing.

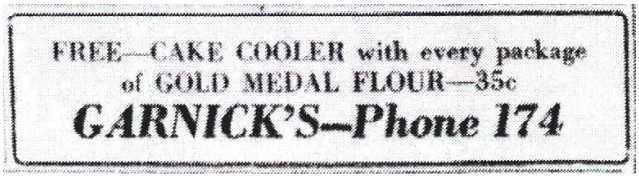
The Alaskan, Petersburg, August 17, 1928.
A group of rod and gun sports of Petersburg, Elsemore, C.E. Swanson, Ole Lien, C. Clausen, Sam Gauffin, and others went down to Blind Slough and put up a hunting cabin for use this fall. Lookout ducks.

Wrangell Sentinel, November 22, 1928.
DROWNED WHILE DUCK HUNTING
Paul Lund and Chester M. Holm were drowned when the small skiff in which they were entering Blind Slough (Mitkoff Island) on a hunting trip was swamped at 4:30 Sunday afternoon. Three members of the party, Sam Gauffin, Ole Lien and Charles Grennaa swam ashore, but Holm and Lund, heavily laden with shotgun shells were unable to make it.

Seward Daily Gateway, November 25,1931.
A car driven by Eugene Torkelson, with Ole Lien and Conrad Lee, skidded off the plank street at Petersburg and went over a steep embankment down to the beach. Aside from a few cuts and a general shakeup the occupants escaped uninjured, reports the Petersburg Press.

Wrangell Sentinel, September 28, 1951.
HUNTERS ON STIKINE
...One moose was taken by Petersburg hunters Ole Lien and Ed Dahlearly in the week. This brings the total season take for Petersburg to date at three.

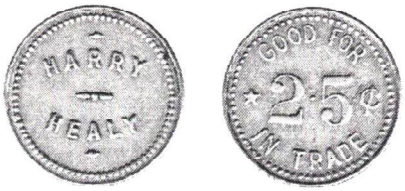
GARNICK FOR REP



Daily Alaska Empire, Juneau, October 6, 1932.

HARRY HEALY

Harry Healy was a trader at Old Crow, Yukon. Is this Harry Healy mentioned in the following the same Harry Healy? We think it is very likely.



Anchorage Weekly Times & Alaska Labor News, October 18, 1917.
Steamer Changes Hands
Ed Pelier and Harry Healy went to Nation City and bought the steamer Arctic from Fish Bros. & Reynolds. This boat was built several years ago to hunt the lost mine on the Porcupine river. After searching during the seasons 1913 and 1914, the owners, Chicago men, quit. Pelier, Healy, Wallace, Felter and A.J. Whittingham are going to the headwaters of Bell river to prospect.

Old Crow, Yukon is on the Porcupine River, which flows into the Yukon River in Alaska. Nation is in Alaska on the Yukon River a few miles from the Yukon border. The Bell River flows into the Porcupine River upriver from Old Crow.

There is your geography lesson for this issue!

FROM THE ARTICLES

FIRE ISLAND

NCO Open Mess, 50¢, B-1dI **25.00**

As above, 50¢, B-1dII **25.00**

HAWK INLET

P.E. Harris, 5¢, B-1a **125.00**
As above, 10¢, B-1b **175.00**

As above, 25¢, B-1c **250.00**

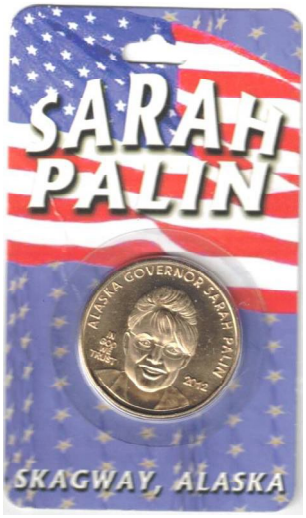
PETERSBURG

OK's Place, 10¢, B-7a **30.00**

JUNEAU

Anita Garnick for Rep., encased cent, bent **15.00**

SARAH PALIN MEDALS



ALASKA'S SARAH PALIN
Sarah Palin was born to Chuck and Sally Heath of Sandpoint, Idaho on February 11, 1964. Chuck had just landed a contract to teach the next year in Skagway, Alaska. Five month old Sarah and family arrived in June 1964, at their new home in Skagway. Chuck arrived... "with a fishing pole in one hand and a gun in the other!" All the Heath children learned to hunt and fish in the great land for their main source of food and protein. A local museum sports a photo of Sarah, as a toddler, holding spotted, live shrimp in each hand. The Heath home was at the corner of 1st and Main.The yard is still abundant with Alaskan flowers. The Heath family moved to Wasilla in 1969 and their history keeps growing.
"SARAH'S NOT RETREATING ... SHE IS RELOADING"
Never underestimate Sarah, she is the real deal from Alaska!
www.skagwayrealestate.net
Manufactured by Coins Unlimited L.L.C.
www.coins-unlimited.com

Sarah Palin, brass, 2012, 38mm, brs. Carded **10.00**
As above, no card **5.00**

Sarah Palin/Barack Obama, 2009, 38mm brs. **8.00**

Alaska's 50th "Centennial", 2009, 38mm brs. **8.00**

This last medal is just so bad! 50th Centennial would be 5,000 years. The design on the reverse is not aligned or designed properly to show the climb of the Chilkoot Pass. Have to think it was made in China.

ELIZABETH PERATROVICH DOLLAR

At the December 2018 meeting, the Fairbanks Coin Club passed a resolution advocating for the release of the Elizabeth Peratrovich Dollar to circulation.

In February of 2019, the Youth in Government of the 4H program went to Juneau and lobbied the legislators to request that the U.S. Mint release the coins to circulation.

The State House passed resolution HJR9 calling for the release to circulation in Alaska of 5 million of the coins. The Senate was a bit slower, waiting until January 2020 to concur.

The Mint did release these coins to banks, with a limit of 1,000 per day at face value, plus shipping. These are the first dollar coins released to circulation since 2011.

Alaska Rare Coins placed three orders of 1,000 coins each with Mt. McKinley Bank and used them in our store and sold them at face value to customers, many of whom were teachers.

We tried to order another thousand after the first of the year (2021) but the Mint advised Mt. McKinley Bank that the program was over. At this time, we set aside all that we had left - 75 Philadelphia Mint and 250 Denver Mint.

So, of the 5 million requested, how many were released to circulation? It took over a year to receive a reply to my FOIA request.

Tongass Federal Credit Union of Juneau ordered 1,000. Mt. McKinley bank ordered 3,000 (for Alaska Rare Coins).

With these low numbers, and likely our 325 coins being the only ones that can be identified as being released through banking channels, we submitted them to ICG for grading, and the pedigree "Mt. McKinley Bank/Alaska Release" appears on the holders.

MS-65 sets of P and D dollars are $100. MS-66 sets are $250.

Individual D mint dollars are priced as follows:
MS-65 - $25; MS-66- $35; MS-67 - $50

MINI-MAIL BID AUCTION

In an effort to avoid eBay fees, I have selected a few items for this mini-mailbid auction. The closing date is **February 7** at 5PM. Winning bids will be reduced to 10% over the second highest bid. In no case will that reduction exceed 25% of your maximum bid. If you bid $1,000 and the second high bid is $500, your bid will be reduced to $750. High bids will not be revealed. Minimum bids are shown.

ANCHORAGE Minimum Bid

(Elks) 1351, 12½¢, B-17aI 100.

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FAIRBANKS

Pioneer Hotel, 25¢, B-45e 250.

IDITAROD

Automatic Pool Room, 25¢, B-1.1a 300.

Minimum bid

Enhanced image

Imperial Cigar Store, 25¢, B-2a 300.

SEWARD

"W", 5¢, B-19a 250.

VALDEZ

Nizina, 40¢, B-14c 450.

Bids may be submitted by mail to: Alaska Rare Coins, P.O. Box 72832, Fairbanks, AK 99707; by phone: 907-452-6461; and email: akcoins@mosquitonet.com or alaskararecoins@gmail.com

HAPPENINGS AT THE MINŒR MINT

CENTENNIAL OF THE SERUM RUN

A diptheria epidemic struck Nome in 1923. Serum was put on the train at Anchorage and brought to Nenana. It was then taken by dog teams in relays to Nome.

Liza Claar, my minion, has made 1/10 oz. .999 silver and 1/10 oz. Alaska placer gold (unrefined) tokens. 50 to 100 tokens will be struck in silver, and 18 in gold. She will be selling these at the celebrations in Nenana on January 25.

Liza will be 14 years old in March. She has been working with me making tokens since the summer of 2022.

Contact Liza at lizaclaar@gmail.com

JUDY JUDY GOLD

Judy Judy Gold of eBay fame has asked me again to make gold and silver tokens. These are dated 2024 and 2025.

She has the following available:

2024 Kokomo Creek Alaska Gold

2025 Kokomo Creek Alaska Gold

2024 2025 1/10 oz. silver

These tokens will be available February 1.

Contact Judy at N4697k@yahoo.com

ALASKA RAILROAD GOLDEN SPIKE

Christie's auction house is selling the Golden Spike "driven" by President Harding in 1923.

The Golden Spike was made by Jos.Mayer Inc. in Seattle of 14K gold for the City of Anchorage to present to Col. Frederick Mears, the railroad's chief engineer. Before working on the Alaska Railroad, Mears was the #2 man in charge of building the Panana Canal. His reputation was such that when building the Alaska Railroad word went out to "Get Mears."

During the ceremony, Harding tapped the spike twice and it was withdrawn. The spike stayed in the Mears family, staying with Jane Mears (his wife and namesake of Mears Jr. High in Anchorage), and then an aunt. It appeared in the 1967 Centennial celebration. The current owner picked it up at an antique show in 1983.

The spike is being offered in a Jan 24 auction with an estimate of $30,000 to $50,000.